

Draft minutes of the meeting of the Leisure and Environment Committee held on Thursday 31st July 2025 at 10.30am at the Town Hall

Signed *L. S. Beeson*

Dated 24th July 2025

Agenda for the meeting of SOUTHWOLD TOWN COUNCIL LEISURE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

AGENDA

Item	Subject	Details
1	Present	Cllrs; Goldsmith, Miller, Palmer, Redington and Wells
2	Apologies and Declarations of Interest	Apologies from Cllr Flunder
3	Minutes of the previous meeting	To note the minutes of the previous meeting - received by council.
4	Standing Orders-public section.	<i>Nil</i>
5	Environmental matters –	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Garden areas - Ferry Rd Garden / garden area on Station Rd /Links Garden - these are now all being looked after by Glen Moore. Electricity Green – grass is cut by Vertas with volunteers tending to the borders etc. • Esc – Bulbs offer – STC has submitted an application. • Sustainable Development Fund and the Community and Conservation Fund – Suffolk Coast and Heaths grants Jan 2026 – Timescales noted. • Work by ESC along prom/ cliff – discussion about use of resources. Has Esc got a tracked mower to use on this area ?? Other areas also use goats – anywhere on the ESC area? • ESC Areas along North Parade – discussion about how to get the gardens looking colourful again. Could these be transferred to STC? Would STC be able to get sufficient volunteers to help to look after these areas? Or would STC be able to raise funding to pay for the areas to be looked after? Meeting being held with ESC in due course to discuss asset transfers.
6	Ongoing Leisure and Other matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town Sign repairs – it would seem that the sign is now beyond repair. Quotes for a new sign are being obtained. It was suggested that the design be kept as previously. • ‘Box Up’ for Klondyke – this is still with legal at ESC. There appears to be a difficulty because it will be on STC land rather than ESC Land. • Grass Seeding at Klondyke – this to be carried out by volunteers – potentially on the Spruce Up Southwold date in September • Keeping Southwold looking tidy - next volunteers date is 28th September 2025. • Defib – BT Ferry Rd phone box – situation to be ascertained with BT as there appears to be no need for a defib at that location. • Play area updates. Various works being carried out on the play areas. Assets officer has attended the play area inspection course. Tibbys Green – the work required from the previous inspection is under way but not completed. Klondyke adult gym equipment needs repair but some of the components are no longer available and therefore some of the equipment might need removing.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town Trails – walking routes – Marketing officer has worked with ESC to both update some existing trails and create a museum trail for Go Jauntly • Bins on prom – letter box style bins have been replaced with wheelie bins.
7	Finance – budget – quotes	<p>Budget 2025 – 2026 – update – as per the attached.</p> <p>Tour of Britain events grant – up to £1000 can be applied for by towns within the tour route. STC will apply for the grant for a pump / maintenance unit to be fitted within the cycle store.</p> <p>Events Growth Grant scheme – Sizewell Tourism Fund – will support organisers of new events outside of the main season to get the event off the ground, so long as they align with ESC economic and tourism strategies as well as being sustainable and have long term viability. They could also support events to grow, or be new spin off events, but the events must have a min expected footfall of 500 people.</p> <p>ESC – Visitor Economy Support Scheme – ESC has allocated each town a max of £10k – applications end Jan 2026 to increase footfall by enhancing the visitor experience throughout the town.</p>
8	Events To consider	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VJ Day 80th Anniversary – 15th August 2025 – service to take place on Gun Hill • Tour of Britain – 2nd September 2025 – liaise with Tour organisers and British Cycling to promote the end of the event being in Southwold. <p>2026 dates – Civic service 14th June 2026. This is unlikely to be the same date as the Arts Festival service.</p>
9	Date of next meeting	25 th September 2025

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